

# ***Petit Branch Library***

## ***December 2022***

### ***Monthly Highlights***

***Carol Johnson, Branch Manager***



#### **December Statistics**

- ❖ Circulation: 6,934 down 6% over last December
- ❖ Digital Checkouts 1,866 up 8% over last December
- ❖ Reference Questions 230
- ❖ Petit Visitors: 3,212
- ❖ Public Computer Use: 158
- ❖ Staff assistance with personal devices and adult PCs: 59
- ❖ Play and Learn Center interactions: 45
- ❖ Notary services: 14
- ❖ Make-Your-Own- children's room activity 132

#### **2022 Year End Statistics**

<b>Circulation</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>% change</b>
Jan	7,312	5,893	24%
Feb	6,681	5,436	23%
Mar	7,519	6,175	22%
Apr	7,044	6,179	14%
May	6,873	6,421	7%
June	8,000	6,812	17%
July	8,156	7,518	8%
Aug	8,166	8,100	1%
Sept	6,797	6,972	-3%
Oct	7,348	5,531	33%
Nov	7,079	6,872	3%
Dec	6,934	7,410	-6%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>87,909</b>	<b>79,319</b>	<b>11%</b>

<b>Unique borrowers*</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>% change</b>
Jan	939	781	20%
Feb	900	775	16%
Mar	991	771	29%
Apr	1,010	771	31%
May	993	782	27%
June	1,088	885	23%
July	1,105	970	14%
Aug	1,188	1031	15%
Sept	1,052	954	10%
Oct	1,049	641	64%
Nov	1,012	890	14%
Dec	1,033	976	6%

\* individuals who borrowed items at least once during the month

#### **Patron Interactions, Reference Assistance & Community Connections**

- ❖ Hannah Bewsher curated a list of audiobooks, printed and delivered it to an elderly patron who has trouble using the computer and is losing her ability to read print books. After receiving the list of audiobooks, she gave Hannah a call to communicate her great appreciation for Petit taking care to keep her connected to the library, and that it had helped to lift her spirits because she feels as though her access to the library is as important to us as it is to her.
- ❖ Science Saturday: The Young Naturalists visited Petit again in December with a wonderful program. Participants learned about owls, and then they had a chance to dissect owl pellets! 14 children and 7 adults attended this program.
- ❖ Outreach: Petit staff visited the Westcott Community Center's senior lunch program with books and DVDs for checkout

- ❖ A group of 15 Girl scouts and 3 adults from Ed Smith School walked to the library for their meeting. They listened to a story about Mae Jemison and then had lots of time to look at books and participate in other passive programs available for visitors. They loved the Scavenger Hunt and the Paper Dragon Craft.
- ❖ Petit clerk Dawn Chapman was invited to breakfast at the Century Club to show a group of seniors how to fold origami cranes so they could participate in Petit's Fold-a-Crane for Peace initiative.
- ❖ Children's librarian Quinn Gardner hosted a Slime Party for children during school break week in December. Petit had a full house with children making their base slime, and then adding fake snow, hand lotion, glitter and shaving cream to their slime. One parent said, "Thanks so much for doing this, so we don't have to."
- ❖ 47 Children participated in the Sneaky Snowpeople Scavenger hunt in the children's room in December. Petit LA, Emily Coleman created 10 snowpeople holding up little letter signs and placed them around the children's room. Children used their patterning skills to match the letter the snowman was holding with the correct color/pattern hat and scarf, once they filled in the letters and found the answer to the riddle they got a small prize.
- ❖ Petit conducted a mitten drive in December. Children's mittens were donated to the nearby Sumner Street Head Start program.
- ❖ Make-Your-Own, children's themed self-directed crafts in the library were a big hit in December. At the beginning of the month, the children made paper dragons. At the end of December, children made snowflakes from pipe cleaners and pony beads. During the school holiday break, children made their own buttons. 132 children participated.



*Senbazuru- Fold a Crane for Peace initiative- Origami Crane count 640*

*Sneaky Snowpeople scavenger hunt riddle*

*Winter themed slime program*